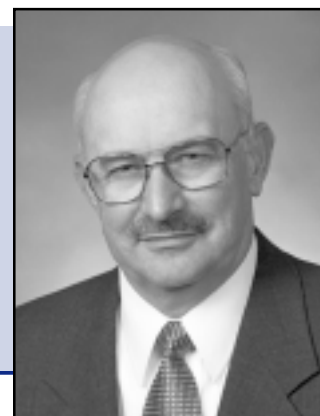




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14TH DISTRICT REPORT

January 2002



YOUR 14TH DISTRICT TEAM

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Dear friends,

Those of us who make our homes in and around the Yakima Valley know the difference between a good year and a lean year, and understand how it can influence our spending decisions. The economic recession our local communities have experienced for some time has now appeared west of the Cascades. As a result, we know 2002 will be a very lean time for Washington.

The economic downturn will only make it more difficult to deal with the \$1.2 billion shortfall budget writers created last summer in the state's two-year budget.

Our job during the scheduled 60-day legislative session, which began Jan. 14, will be to work in a bipartisan fashion to make sure the state's priorities are straight. We will strive to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens, and put aside the "wants" until times get better.

Other priorities we will be addressing during this session include: regulatory reform, health care, transportation, education, water issues, and finding ways to stimulate the economy to provide jobs for families and put Washington back to work.

We appreciate hearing from you, because our government operates best when you get involved. Please contact our offices whenever you want to share your thoughts on the decisions before us, or if you need help dealing with a state agency. If you travel to Olympia during the time we are in session, we invite you to stop in for a visit.

Sincerely,

Mary Skinner

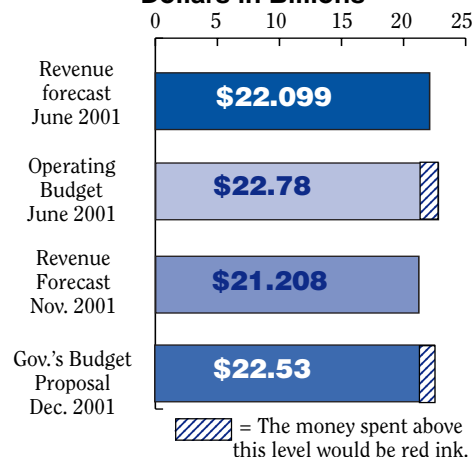
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We feel it is important to communicate and keep you up to date about the issues in Olympia that may affect you. As part of that communication, many of you hear frequently from us through letters and newsletters.

Several years ago, voters approved a campaign-reform initiative that, among other things, restricts legislative mailings during an election year. Since this is an election year, the law allows us to send only two legislative mailings this year. We are also allowed to provide a direct response to a constituent-initiated contact. So if you send us a letter asking for some information, we can respond. We are not, however, able to initiate contact through state-paid mail, fax or e-mail.

Although you may be hearing from us less this year, we still care very deeply about the issues affecting citizens in Yakima County, so we hope to hear from you. Our phone numbers and addresses are listed on this newsletter. Please use them!

THE 2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: STAY INFORMED!

Information about the 2002 legislative session is as close as your keyboard and your television. Stay informed by visiting the Legislature on the Internet.

- Washington State Legislature home page: www.leg.wa.gov
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- Rep. Mary Skinner's legislative home page: www.leg.wa.gov/house/members/d14_1.htm
- Rep. Jim Clements' legislative home page:..... www.leg.wa.gov/house/members/d14_2.htm
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